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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A cutting tool comprising:

a body having a blade that cuts a workpiece by moving forward in a predetermined cutting direction while being rotationally driven,

a base that is connected to the body, the base being placed in contact with the upper surface of the workpiece, wherein the body is tilted in a pivotal movement about an axis which is substantially parallel to the cutting direction, so that a cutting operation is performed with the blade projecting laterally outward from a side of the base,

a sub-base that is removably attached to the base on the side from which the blade projects and

a parallel ruler that is removably attached to the base on the side on which the sub-base is attached or on the opposite side of the base, together with the sub-base,

wherein the base has a sub-base clamping hole and a parallel ruler clamping hole that is disposed on or under the sub-base clamping hole, a clamping portion of the sub-base being removably inserted through the sub-base clamping hole, and a clamping portion of the parallel ruler being removably inserted through the parallel ruler clamping hole, and

the sub-base clamping hole and the parallel ruler clamping hole are arranged and adapted such that at least either a front or rear end of the upper one of the clamping holes is positioned between both ends of the lower clamping hole.

2.—3. (Canceled))

4. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool as defined in ~~claim 1~~claim 3, wherein the sub-base clamping hole has substantially the same width in the longitudinal direction of the base as the parallel ruler clamping hole, and the clamping holes are formed in a position displaced from each other in the longitudinal direction of the base.

5. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool as defined in ~~claim 3~~claim 1, wherein the sub-base and the parallel ruler are inserted through the respective clamping holes and removably clamped to the base at the same time by one clamping device.

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6. (Currently Amended) The cutting tool as defined in claim 1 ~~claim 3~~, wherein the base has a front sub-base clamping hole and a rear sub-base clamping hole, through which holes respective clamping portions of the sub-base are removably inserted, the front and rear sub-base clamping holes being formed in a vertically displaced position from each other.

7—22. (Canceled)